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More Policemen in the Suburbs.

The plea of the suburban citizens for a larger degree of police protection is well founded. The trouble is not, however, with the municipal authorities. It is due to the failure of Congress to provide the additional policemen necessary to properly patrol all sections of the District.

Nor have the Commissioners been lax in bringing the matter to the attention of Congress. For years they have endeavored to impress upon the Appropriations Committee the fact that the District of Columbia comprises a territory of seventy square miles, and that the taxpayers who reside outside of the city proper are entitled to as much consideration as those who are within the city's limits. It is absurd to think that one policeman can adequately guard the enormous area included in many of the single beats in the suburbs.

The growth of the suburban sections of the District has been tremendous during the past few years, but there has been little or no addition to the police force. Congress does not seem to realize that there are many towns within the District limits which would, if located in a State, be large enough to warrant self-government. The residents of these towns pay their proportionate share of the city's taxes, and when they are deprived of the protection to which they are entitled they have a perfect right to protest. The Washington Herald appreciates their situation and gladly aids in bringing their appeal to Congressional attention.

Mr. Blankenburg says if Dr. Wiley lived in Europe he would be covered with decorations. We Americans think the doctor has a style of architecture which does not need decoration.

A New York astronomer has calculated that the light of the sun will be shut off from the earth in 15,000,000 years. That comes about as near being cheerful as anything the Standard Oil people have heard lately.

"The Encouragement to Kill."

Under the above title a writer in Collier's Weekly presents some interesting and significant facts concerning the prevalence of homicides in the United States. According to this authority, there were last year, a total of 8,075 deaths from murder. This is an appalling showing, but still more to be deplored is the apparent indifference of the courts and juries in the matter of punishment.

If it be true, as stated, and there is no reason to doubt the accuracy of the figures, that only one person out of every three who commit murders is brought to trial; that only one in ten is sentenced to the penitentiary, and that the proportion of those who are electrocuted or hanged is only one in eighty, then unquestionably we hold the taking of human life too lightly. It is another remarkable fact that those upon whom the extreme penalty of the law is visited are either poor and helpless foreigners, or they belong to the colored race. The latter, whenever they commit a homicide, rarely escape punishment. It does not appear, therefore, that the scales of justice are evenly balanced.

We like to think that this is a law-abiding country, where serious crime is infrequent and where the criminal, after the crime has been committed, is speedily brought to justice. The arraignment made in the article under discussion is a shock to our complacency. It is to be remembered, of course, that all homicides are not cold-blooded and deliberate murders, and are not, therefore, crimes of the first degree. Even after due allowance is made, however, for this fact we are brought face to face with conditions that ought not to obtain in a country boasting of high civilization. We ought not to be the most murderous nation on the face of the earth; we ought not to have to confess to such frequent perversions and miscarriages of justice.

The question comes home to the citizens of Washington with especial force. The jail in this city has two, score or more men now awaiting trial for homicide, while only within the past few days a man was mysteriously murdered, and no one has yet been directly charged with the crime. Perhaps if the law were more rigorously enforced and those who take the lives of others were dealt with in a summary fashion,

the taking of human life would not occur as frequently as now seems to be the case.

Representative Lewis declares that the express companies are able to maintain rates which compare with freight rates in the celebrated old ratio of 16 to 1.

Children and Their Parents.

The declaration at the annual meeting of the Associated Charities that poverty should not suffice for separating children from their mothers and Judge De Lacy's declaration to commit some little ones to the care of the Board of Children's Guardians simply because their mother was poor give local interest to the experiment which is now being tried in Chicago. There has been enacted in that city a statute granting pensions to deserving mothers, and thus far the law has been of practical benefit.

Instead of committing the children to some institution, the municipality pays the mothers from \$5 to \$10 each month for the support of each child. The consequence is that homes are not broken up, and both mothers and children are grateful. There is, of course, no such provision of law in Washington, but it would be worth while for those who are interested in charitable work to secure some data from Chicago and present it to Congress in the hope of establishing the reform here.

The home should be kept intact whenever possible. The parent and not the municipality is the proper guardian of the child.

An Ohio autist has been convicted of manslaughter. Most others could only be convicted of attempts.

Strange Stuffing for the Turkey.

From the sinister depths of New York comes the latest conspiracy against his Thanksgiving highness, the turkey. It is quite a part of the fitness of things that the scheme should originate in Gotham. The dealers there have devised a new stuffing for the bird, and it may well be supposed that there is neither an altruistic nor a culinary motive behind their plan.

There is a well-established practice in the metropolis of stuffing the turkey with lead. The metal is, of course, of no use to the consumer; but since the bird is worth 30 cents to 35 cents a pound, and the lead costs less than 5 cents, the purpose of the "stuffing" may well be divined. The officials of New York City have determined to break up the practice and a score of inspectors have already been sent to searching for pig lead in the poultry markets. Every dealer who tries to get the turkey price for lead will be arrested.

Some statisticians estimate that no less than \$1,000,000 worth of lead was sold at the price of turkey last year in Gotham. This is probably an exaggeration, but it reveals how brazen some forms of food adulteration are in this country. It is quite certain that Washington would not tolerate "lead turkey stuffing" for a single hour; only in New York could it flourish for a brief period.

The London suffragettes are about the only disorderly persons who would be disappointed if they were not imprisoned.

A Woman's Good Work.

While many women are bemoaning the injustice of woman's subordinate position and deploring the narrowness of her sphere, one woman at least, Mlle. Malmarche, has done something for her sex. She has recently received the distinguished honor of being made a chevalier of the Legion of Honor, on account of her efforts for the advancement of the condition of the working girls in Paris.

Mlle. Malmarche organized schools where girls might receive a business education. She has also widened the field in which they could secure employment. Before she interested herself in this subject, the only service open to young French womanhood was that of maids, waitresses, or servants. By her untiring efforts she has advanced her poorer sisters to places of independence and self-respect.

Instead of impotently whining or clamorously demanding that woman's sphere be enlarged, she has accomplished much. A woman of means, abundantly able to enjoy the life and comforts of the rich, she made her own field of usefulness. Her example is worthy of emulation.

The Legion of Honor has honored itself in honoring Mlle. Malmarche.

Mr. Belasco seems to be one of the latest converts to the theory that the day of competition has passed.

A gentleman who thinks he is Presidential size is never much complimented at being suggested for the second place on the ticket.

Two French editors fought a duel in the presence of twenty cameras. Anyway, they were not afraid of snap shots.

A Nicaraguan dollar is worth only 5 cents of our money. It must make a man feel wealthy to put one in the contribution plate.

If some members of Congress are not careful, they will be found in contempt of the Commerce Court.

From the tone of Justice Wright's opinion it is clear that he is not seeking the endorsement of the Federation of Labor for appointment to that Supreme Court vacancy.

If the beef packers really want their trials delayed they should get themselves accused of dynamiting something.

It is charged that Bertrand G. Spencer is shamming insanity. If so, he is certainly doing it with a good deal of enthusiasm.

Seattle's confession established that there was at least one murder which could not be charged to James Smith.

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

THE ANNUAL TRIP.

To Turkeytown we travel down
When autumn winds are blowing,
Excursion rates, express or freight,
With everybody going.

For Turkeytown of great renown
We start from Pumpkin Station.
The sights are fine along the line
And what anticipation.

The brakes go down, 'tis Turkeytown,
The goal of saint and sinner.
"All off, all out," the brakemen shout,
"We have all day for dinner."

Uncle Pennywise Says:

A boy being taught how to shoot rabbits
ought not to bag more than his
dad.

Too Cold.

"How's the weather, nurse?"
"It turned baby blue, ma'am."
"Then don't take Fido out."

Nearing the Goal.

"How is your society getting along in
its efforts to abolish war?"
"Well, we have offered \$5 for the best
essay on the subject."

All Alike.

These football stories are all the same;
The hero saves the day,
Gets very busy and wins the game
In the last three minutes of play.

Sarcasm.

"Why do you buy your coal by the
peck?"
"So as not to start a bull market," an-
swered the party of the second part.

A Weak Chap.

"What does your husband want for
Christmas?"
"Oh, he is never able to make up his
mind. That man doesn't even know what
he wants for breakfast."

A Safe Offset.

"Luck is against me."
"Are you sure of that?"
"I am."
"Then you ought to increase your ad-
vertising, old man."

WU TING-FANG.

Frederic Harrison Says He Is "One
of the Ablest Men I Ever Met."

From Autobiographic Memoirs, by Frederic Harrison. One of the ablest men I ever met was Mr. Wu, late Chinese Minister at Washington, who, on the understanding under his original name of Ng Choy, I was so much struck with his extraordinary powers for he wrote in the Times some very able letters on the opium question, that I sent for him to come to my chambers and inquired into his training and his prospects. Educated in the English Missionary School of Hongkong, and nominally a Christian, then having taken his degree in the Chinese school, he spent four years in London, and, being an English barrister, he returned to practice in the High Court of Justice. He became secretary to Prince Li Hung Chang, and he finally rose to be one of the most successful diplomats and officials of the Chinese empire. He was in London in 1905, when he was in the West. He told Sir C. Longfellow that he was himself a Positivist, and urged Sir Longfellow to become so also. The Chinese Minister, in fact, attended some of my Positivist addresses at Newton Hall.

BIG FIRECRACKER
EXPLODES; 2 HURTAccident in Sick Room of Boy
with Chum.

Thirteen-year-old Roy Kuhn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Kuhn, of 121 Kenyon street northwest, and his chum, fifteen-year-old Earl Meiners, both of whom were injured when a large firecracker exploded in a room on the second floor of the Kuhn home, are rapidly recovering from the effects of the accident. Young Meiners was visiting Kuhn, who was in bed with tonsillitis, when he held the giant firecracker in his teeth and touched the fuse to a gas jet. The fuse sputtered, Meiners dropped it, and tried to stamp out the fire. Kuhn jumped from his bed and tried to extinguish the sparks which they will soon explode. Both boys were cut and burned on the legs, arms, and hands. The windows were shattered, and pedestrians in the vicinity were frightened by the report of the explosion.

THREATEN STRIKE IN SPAIN.

Railway Employees Demand Settlement of All Grievances.
Madrid, Nov. 26.—Thirty-five thousand employees of the Andalusian railways have presented an ultimatum declaring that unless their grievances are met before December 7 they will go on strike that day. Efforts are being made to have a conference of representatives from both sides, but the railroads are not willing to meet the strikers. The strikers will come to a particularly important meeting at the aviation meets are to be held during that week at Malaga, Tangier, and Cueta.

CURIOUS BITS OF HISTORY.
By A. W. MACY.

THE UNFORTUNATE MAROONS.
Several centuries ago the Spaniards brought a large number of African negroes to the island of Jamaica as slaves. When the English took possession of the island in 1655, these slaves, being deserted by their masters, fled to the mountains. Here they lived a fierce, wild life, and became in time a terrible scourge to the English settlers. It was a vexing problem what should be done about them, and all the time they were increasing in numbers. Finally, in 1738, an agreement was made with them by which they secured their independence, and they maintained it for 140 years.

But the English at last determined to get rid of them altogether, and imported 100 bloodhounds for this purpose. Hunted down like wild animals and hemmed in on every side, they were forced to submit. Only about 600 escaped death, and these were transported from the burning climate of Jamaica to the bleak shores of Nova Scotia, where they soon perished miserably.

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"Make ye no truce with Adam-Zad—the Bear that walks like a Man!"

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

ACCUSED PASTOR
OUTLINES DEFENSERev. Mr. Richeson Will Deny
Poisoning Girl.

Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 26.—Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, of Cambridge, who is in jail, charged with the murder of Miss Avis Linnell, a former sweetheart, has outlined the defense which his lawyers learned of it to my sorrow and surprise when she unbecomingly herself to me as her former pastor and betrothed, seeking the sympathy and relief which I found myself unable to give.

"In regard to securing the poison," continued Dr. O'Connor, "Rev. Richeson said to me:
"As to the manner in which Avis procured the cyanide, I have no idea."
"Richeson appeared calm and imperturbable to the point of inconceivability, and is awaiting with almost superhuman stolidity the judgment of a jury on the awful crime of which he stands accused."

"BROTHERHOOD OF MAN."
Rabbi Simon to Speak on Topic at
Friendship House.

Employees of the navy yard have become interested in the formation of a social class under the direction of the workers at Friendship House, the social settlement center of southeast Washington.

The second of a series of lectures on social topics will be given before the class at the house, 234 Virginia avenue southeast, to-morrow evening, by Rabbi Abraham Simon, who will speak on "The brotherhood of man."

Growing Belief in Miracles.
Rev. H. H. Swann addressed the congregation of the Capital Baptist Church at Typographical Temple last night on the subject of "Do Washingtonians consider the miracles of Jesus myths or the might of God?" He spoke of the growing unbelief in phenomena believed to be miracles.

Dr. Davidson to Speak.
Dr. William M. Davidson, superintendent of public schools, will speak on educational questions before the Ministers' meeting at Union Wesley A. M. E. Church to-day at noon. Rev. J. H. Randolph will preside.

Newport Preacher to Speak.
Rev. H. N. Jeter, of Newport, R. I., will address the Baptist Ministers' Union at Mount Carmel Church this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. He will speak on "Some phases of the person and work of the Holy Spirit."

KITTY GORDON MAY BE
REMARIED TO SPOUSE

New York, Nov. 26.—Kitty Gordon, who has been called the most beautiful of English actresses and who is at present appearing in the "Enchantress" at the New York Theater, has sent a cablegram to Capt. the Hon. Henry Beresford in London, whom she divorced early in March, which may pave the way for a reconciliation and remarriage. The cablegram read:

"Come with baby to see me Christmas. Will talk things over then."

"Baby" referred to in the message is Vera Beresford, the eight-year-old daughter of Capt. Beresford and Miss Gordon, who is at present a pupil in the Benedictine convent at Dumfries, Scotland.

It is said that Capt. Beresford, who did not defend the divorce action brought by Miss Gordon, has never lost hope of a reconciliation with his beautiful actress-wife, and even though she announced at the time the decree was granted that she was to marry Count Henry Fries, an Austrian nobleman, next June, Capt. Beresford has been a prominent suitor for Miss Gordon's hand in remarriage.

Capt. Beresford is a brother of Lord Decies, who married Miss Vivien Gould, and next in line of succession to the title should Lord Decies die without issue. The brothers are said to be in thorough sympathy, and it is noted with interest among the friends of Miss Gordon that Lord and Lady Decies attended the performance of the "Enchantress" Friday night, and that Miss Gordon recognized her former brother-in-law from the stage as though she knew that he and Lady Decies were to be present. This leads many to believe that Lord Decies had acted as an ambassador for his brother, and met and had a talk with Miss Gordon after the performance.

CRISP BILL ON PLATE.
Rockefeller Attends Thanksgiving
Services at Tarrytown.

Tarrytown, N. Y., Nov. 26.—John D. Rockefeller attended Thanksgiving services in the First Baptist Church this morning. He joined heartily in singing the Thanksgiving hymn, and appeared to take a deep interest in the entire service. Rev. Arthur T. Brooks preached from the text, "Freely have ye received, freely give," from the book of Matthew, tenth chapter.

Mr. Brooks said that every one had come to the conclusion that when the plate was passed, Mr. Rockefeller put a new, crisp bill of good-sized denomination on it. At the close of the services the pastor appealed for funds for next year, saying that there was no better time than now for people to show their appreciation of the church.

Walt Mason Says To-day.

When Joseph James Kerplunk was married, the village cut-ups all broke loose, and all the junk in town they carried to his abode, and raised the deuce. They shot off guns and banged tin boilers, until the bridegroom, sore distressed, appeared and begged those bughouse toilers to chase themselves and let him rest. And then, to still their foolish ravings, and get some peace for self and bride, he had to blow his hard-earned savings for punch, and other things beside. Next day he said: "Though I should tarry for ages in this world of men, you bet your life I'll never marry a female sporty c'er again. A bridegroom's treated like a sinner by all these sporty village guys; whereas he should be called a winner, the center of admiring eyes. And men will shy at matrimony, old maids will haunt this dreary land, until these sports of conduct money are rounded up by law and cannon. Both men and maids are sad and lonely, they haven't got the nerve to wed; they'd marry twice a year if only the noisy cut-ups all were dead."

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INSURANCE CLASH
TAKEN INTO COURTDifferences Between Officers
Leads to Filing of Suit.

Charges of alleged fraudulent payments of salary and extravagance are contained in a suit filed Saturday against officers of the Royal Life Insurance Company by F. T. Evans, medical examiner of the organization. Evans charges Samuel J. Masters, John B. Kinneer, and others with having made improper use of a fund of \$4,000 paid the Royal Life by the Modern Workmen of the World, a beneficial organization in which they hold high offices.

According to the allegations of the suit, the fund of \$4,000 was placed in trust with the insurance company. It is then stated that when the insurance company was compelled, under the new District Insurance law, to have a capital of \$50,000, the necessary \$24,000 was taken out of the trust fund and converted into stock of the insurance company, the stock being divided among Masters, Kinneer, and other officers of the company. It is also alleged that Masters and Kinneer were voted salaries of \$100 per week each, the money to pay these salaries being taken out of the Modern Workmen fund. The plaintiff asks that the money taken for stock be restored to the trust fund.

Simultaneously with the filing of the petition on Saturday afternoon, the officers of the Royal Life were refused a renewal of their license to do business by Superintendent of Insurance George Ingham. The report made by the examiner and statistician questions the value of the assets of the company.

Despite the action of the District officials, the officers of the insurance company declare that the whole affair is a conspiracy to injure them. Mr. Masters, president of the Royal Life and chief mentioned in the petition, did not mince words last night when speaking of the motive which had led to the suit.

"Evans is deliberately attempting to hurt a growing business because of personal difficulties," said Mr. Masters. "As a matter of fact, the records of the company show that, as treasurer, he was party to every action of which he complains."

The defendants in the suit will probably file their answer to-day. They unanimously declare that there is nothing which is to be concealed, and assert that they can satisfactorily explain all business transactions that have taken place.

Very True.

From the Florida Times-Union:
"No man is always as good as he is at his best moments nor as bad as he is at his worst."

DISTRICT CELTS
HAVE GALA TIME

Celebrate "Diamond Jubilee" of A. O. H.

LOVE FOR "OULD SOD" EXTOLLED

Capital Hibernians, with Friends from Other Organizations, Gather in Carroll Institute Hall—Speakers Tell What the Organization Has Accomplished.

The love of the Irish for Erin came out in story and song at the Carroll Institute Hall last night, when the Celts of the District gathered to celebrate the diamond anniversary of the founding of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in the United States by a little band in New York back in 1836.

Similar celebrations were held all over the country. Most of the prominent Irish in the District, men who have made the local Hibernian organization what it is, made stirring speeches, and into their talk ever crept the hunger for the "ould sod" which years of absence cannot obliterate.

Cleric and Lay Speakers.

Joseph D. Sullivan, District vice president of the A. O. H., presided. Among the speakers were Rev. John R. Meagher, of St. Dominic's Church; P. F. Carr, State president, A. O. H., of the District; Very Rev. George A. Dougherty, vice rector of the Catholic University; Philip J. Doherty, Interstate Commerce Commissioner; Dr. Kurt Voelckner, District president, United German-American Alliance of the District; Judge William H. De Lacy, of the District Court; P. J. Moran, national director, A. O. H., and P. J. Haltigan, editor of the National Hibernian.

Philip J. Doherty made one of the most powerful speeches, dwelling upon the landlord system in Ireland, the troubles of the tenants, and the age-long struggle of the Celt for home rule. "There are some," said Mr. Doherty, "who encourage Irish hatred in Ireland and who stand in accord with those interests to the detriment of their countrymen. I can say, however, that these men are prompted by mere selfish motives and are a disgrace to the great body of loyal Irish."

Judge De Lacy's address was brief and characteristic. P. J. Moran also spoke of the love of country inherent in the Irish and of the effort every member of the race should make for its preservation.

First Prize for Order.

Joseph A. Sullivan, District vice president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, in part, said:
"In 1899 the republic of France invited all nations to celebrate the advent of the new century in a world-wide exposition. All fraternal organizations were requested to furnish data of their organizations and accomplishments to an impartial board of judges. Many responded to the call and their work was submitted. In competition with the whole world, the first prize—a gold medal—was awarded to the Ancient Order of Hibernians."

"In education we have never been idle. We have advanced the study of Irish history among our members. We have caused it to be adopted as part of the curriculum of the public schools of our country. We have contributed the sum of \$50,000 to found the chair of Irish literature and languages at the Catholic University of America. The Ladies' Auxiliary gave the sum of \$10,000 to endow a similar chair at Trinity College. Subsequently we created scholarships at the Catholic University for the best members of our order might obtain the best education the world affords, and we have given numerous other scholarships in schools and colleges throughout the land. We have contributed thousands of dollars to the Gaelic League for the revival of the Irish language."

Religion and Charity.

"In the cause of religion, our work has been equally as brilliant. There has scarcely been one church erected in the last seventy-five years to which the members of our organization have not liberally contributed. Thousands of times have the priests of the country praised the co-operation and assistance freely given by us in this sublime work. Our halls have been open to the clergy of Ireland seeking assistance in building churches in the old land, and hundreds of thousands of dollars have been donated for that purpose. Whenever the call was made the response was ready and generous."

"In charity you have distributed millions of dollars. No great public disaster has occurred in which you have not taken a brilliant part in the relief of the afflicted. In the calamities of Johnstown, San Francisco, Charleston, and many other years contributions amounted to hundreds of thousands of dollars."

LEAVES HIS CELL
TO SEE BABY DIELife Prisoner Will Stay to
Attend Funeral.

Columbus, Ga., Nov. 26.—Thomas Edgar Stripling, for years police chief of Danville, Va., but now serving a life term in the Georgia penitentiary, watched his baby boy die to-day. To-morrow Stripling will attend the funeral, and then he will be taken back to the penitentiary to take up his life sentence.

Stripling's presence with the dying child was due to Gov. John M. Slaton. When the governor learned the child was dying at the home of Stripling's wife, he ordered that the convict be brought here under guard and be allowed to minister to the little one and comfort the mother. When Gov. Slaton learned of the child's death, he wired that Stripling be allowed to attend the funeral.

The child will be buried at Chiles, Stripling's old home, which he has not seen since he broke jail thirteen years ago, after being convicted of the murder of William Cornell. After his escape, Stripling changed his name and settled in Danville, Va., where he became chief of police. Last year his nemesis found him, and he was returned to the Georgia penitentiary.

Belgian Seamen on Strike.

Antwerp, Nov. 26.—The seamen on boats using this port have declared another strike, and serious inconvenience to shipping is anticipated if the matter is not adjusted. The men complain that the shipowners have not carried out the agreements made in the last strike.

Officer's Widow Dies.

Annapolis, Nov. 26.—Mrs. H. G. Gates, widow of Commander Henry G. Gates, who died last spring, died yesterday after a brief illness. Mrs. Gates is survived by a son, a misanthrope, and two younger children.